

# **CITY OF LAREDO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2019-SC-01  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
February 1, 2019  
12:15 P.M.**



## **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law or Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter into the City Council Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **IV. ROLL CALL**

#### **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 12:30 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak

for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

## **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

1. Discussion with possible action pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment of an Interim City Manager until such time as a new City Manager is appointed by City Council pursuant to Section 3.01 of the Charter, and any other matter incident thereto.
2. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071(1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation involving *City of Laredo v. Laredo Lomas Properties, Ltd., and the Premises located at 1500 Logan Street, in Laredo, Texas 78040, Cause No. 2017CVK002349-D2*; pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas, 111th Judicial District; and return to open session for possible action.
3. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071(1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation involving *Civil No. 7:18-CV-375; United States of America v. 801.077 Acres of Land, more or less, situated in Starr County, State of Texas, and City of Laredo, et al.* ; pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas McAllen Division; and return to open session for possible action.

## **VI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to appoint an Acting City Manager and initiate a nationwide search for a permanent City Manager; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli, Council Member George Altgelt, and Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)**
  
2. Discussion with possible action to define the hierarchy of the City Manager's Office by ordinance as: one (1) Deputy City Manager and two (2) Assistant City Managers, defining them as City Officials, and further designating these three (3) FTE's as permanent positions under the City Manager's annual department budget; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt, Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, and Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**
  
3. Discussion with possible action to establish an ad-hoc committee to assist with the search of the new City Manager; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt, Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, and Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

**City Council-Special**

**Meeting Date:** 02/01/2019

**Initiated By:** Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager

**Initiated By:** Rosaro Camarillo-Cabello; Robert Eads, Interim Assistant City Managers

**Staff Source:** Kristina L Hale, City Attorney

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**SUBJECT**

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**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

None

**BACKGROUND**

N/A

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Year:** 2019

**Budgeted Y/N?:**

**Source of Funds:** General Fund

**Account #:**

**Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Contingent on any action taking during discussion.

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**VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA**

None.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

None.

**BACKGROUND**

None.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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